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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 February 2007.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 20-24 and 39-46 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) 39,40 and 42-46 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 20-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 23,24 and 41 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 14 March 2002 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election with traverse of Group I in the reply filed on 02/27/2007 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that claim 39 should be included in Group I. This is not found persuasive because claim 39 requires the structure of a rotatable retaining member which lacks unity as presented in the previous Restriction Requirement.

Claims 39, 42, 44-46 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.

Applicant's election without traverse of Species I in the reply filed on 02/27/2007 is acknowledged.

Claims 40 and 43 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected embodiment, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.
The pending claims are 20-24 and 41.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sorton (4947616).

Regarding claim 20: Sorton discloses a method of attaching a sheet material to a structure, said method comprising:

placing sheet material (16) against at least one magnetically receptive surface of the structure;

providing a plurality of magnetic holding devices (10) each comprising a housing including at least one magnet (46) and having a substantially flat magnetic surface on or in close proximity to said magnet (figure 4);

temporarily placing said magnetic holding devices with said substantially flat magnetic surface against the sheet material to temporarily hold the sheet material in position between the magnetic surfaces of the holding devices and said at least one magnetically receptive surface of the structure (Col. 1, lines 35-42);

fixedly attaching the sheet material to the structure using attachment means while the sheet material is temporarily held in position between the magnetic surfaces of the holding devices and said at least one magnetically receptive surface of the structure (Col. 1, lines 35-42 and col. 3, lines 41-44);

and removing the magnetic holding devices from the sheet material, the sheet material remaining permanently attached to the structure by said attachment means (Col. 1, lines 35-42 and Col. 3, lines 49-52).

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Regarding claims 21-22: The method according to claim 20 above, wherein the magnetic holding device comprises an elongate member (14) including a plurality of magnets (46) at spaced interval along the member.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 23-24 and 41 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jessica Laux whose telephone number is 571-272-8228. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday, 6:30am to 2:30pm (est).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carl Friedman can be reached on 571-272-6842. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.



Jeanette Chapman
Primary Examiner

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